

Ely Collection, 1913

Ely Collection
of

Rev Foster Ely

ferred back to Mr. Belden.

"I would very much like to see the Society get this collection as its forms one of the most interesting series of coins on this hemisphere. The series illustrates the many expedients the islanders were put to to get the fractions of the dollar, and also it illustrates how they overcame the problem of keeping the money on the respective islands, by their so cutting and stamping it that it would not pass current anywhere else.

This series is being taken up quite extensively in recent years and is continually advancing in price and now is the time to buy this collection as there is here a large number of extremely scarce pieces that will bring much more as the rarities become better known."

We have only three of the pieces offered and two others differing in minor details. Without referring to the value Mr. Ely placed on the coins I figured the collection to be worth about \$305.00 This is based on what I have paid for some of my specimens and sale prices. I am somewhat familiar with Mr. Ely's collection and I think the lot offered remarkably cheap.

Howland Wood

Mar 9 1913

86 P. 18015

W. H. Wood

WEST INDIES

66 pieces, all silver, except of Barbados.

Tortola	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$14.00
Virgin Isles	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00
Curaçao	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.00
Haiti	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.00
Jamaica	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
Montserat	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Cuba	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00
Barbados	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00
Dominica	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.00
St. Lucia	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00
Martinique	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00
Trinidad	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.00
Nevis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.00
St. Martin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.00
St. Bartholemeu	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.00
Grenada	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.00
Tobago	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00
Viègue	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.00
Guadeloupe	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00
	66											\$200.00

Martinique

- ✓ (1) 8 Rls. Zay p. 214 V. fine
- ✓ (2) 4 " " " " V. fine
- ✓ (3) 2 " " " " V. fine
- ✓ (4) 1 " " " " V. fine
- ✓ (5) 1/2 Rl. with pc. from its centre.
- ✓ (6) (2pieces) V. fine. Zay p. 215
- ✓ (7) Coeur. Zay p. 214 V. fine. cut from 4 Rls.
- ✓ (8) Coeur. Zay p. 214 V. fine. " " 2 Rls.

The 8 Rls. Zay p. 214 No. 44. Bought at sale of Schulman for \$20.
(In all 8 Martinique pieces)

Guadeloupe

- ✓ (1) 8 Span. Rls. Zay p. 196, "5 Very good.
 - ✓ (2) Lozenge shaped pc. Zay 6. Very fine.
 - ✓ (3) Segment of 8 Rls. G crowned on 2 angles. Zay p. 196 "7. V. fine.
 - ✓ (4) 15 Sols. of Louis XV. c's "G" entouré &c Zay p. 201 "18
 - ✓ (5) 1/4 of 8 Rls. cs G crowned on 3 angles. Zay p. 196 "8 V. fine.
 - ✓ (6) Pc. cut from gourde c's R. F. Zay 194 "9 V. good.
- (In all 6 pieces of Guadeloupe)

Trinidad

Central disc cut from 8 Rls. V. fine c's. Initial of Colony T
vide Chalmers and Atkins

Nevis:

12 sets of os **NEVIS** cs V. fine. Zay and Chalmers. 7.⁰⁰

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St. Bartholemew

✓ Peseta of Madrid. usual cs. crowned. V. fine from Schulman's sale. 3.⁰⁰

Vieque

✓ (1) 1845 10 Skillings **AR** cs. **123** Fine. 4.⁰⁰

(2) 1848 20 " **AR** cs. **123** Fine

Obtained from Zay.

Grenada

✓ ~~Seigne~~ of piastre Very fine. c. s. G. Chalmers. 3.⁰⁰

St. Martin

we have 1/5 of 8 Rls. c. s. **ST. MARTIN** on creux. Bundle of arrows. v. fine. 1.⁰⁰

Tobago

✓ (1) 8 Rls. with octagonal pc. from centre. fine. 10.⁰⁰

✓ (2) The octagonal pc. abstracted has c. s. T. en creux. fine.

Zay p. 235 "88 and "89.

Curacao

✓ (1) 3 Rls. or bits. 3 in circle 9 crenations. Fine. *we have the common one with 11 crenations*

From Low's Hart Sale.

✓ (2) 2 Rls. cinque foil stamped on sextant cut from 8 Rls. edges 12 crenations c. s. en creux. Fine.

From Low's Hart Sale.

✓ (3) 1/4 Gulden c.s. **Q** in script. V. fine.

From Low's Hart Sale.

(In all 3 pieces of Curacao)

Haiti

✓ (1) 1808 15 Sols. Fessai Four "7486

✓ (2) 7 1/2 Sols. " Four 7487 unc. 2.⁵⁰

✓ (3) 1808 30 Sols. " Brilliant proof.

✓ (4) 15 Sols Liberty standing. Fine.

✓ (5) 1804-6. 2 Escalin. R7 Colonie de &c. V. good.

(6) 1854 Gourde Faustin 1 Emperor in uniform cost \$8. fine proof.

(In all 6 pieces of Haiti)

Tortola

✓ (1) Set of 1/2 of 8 Sp. Rls. cs. Tortula. 16 *TORTULA we have*

✓ (2) 1/4 " " " " Tortula.

✓ (3) 1/8 " " " " Tortula.

(3) The foregoing set of 3 pcs. I imported from Dominica and at cost of about \$10. The 1/8 of Sp. 8 Rls. is an exceedingly rare piece. Never heard of another. All the c stamps are fine.

✓ (4) 1/2 of Sp. 8 Rls. double c's. V. good.

✓ (5) 1/4 " " " " cs Tortula. V. good.

(In all 5 pieces of Tortola)

Virgin Islands.

- ✓ (1) 1810 Span. 8 Rls. from which taken circular pc. that is 28 mm. cs. S V. fine. Obtained from Zay.
- ✓ (2) The circular pc. taken from the preceding piece of 8 Rls. S is cs. and fine. Obtained from Zay. VI

Dominica

Leeward Islands

- ✓ (1) Cut silver trente sons. 2 Sp. Rls. Circular pc. abstracted leaving an aperture of 17 mm. V. fine.
- ✓ (2) 3 Bits. Section of Span. 8 Rls. indented and has c's. 3 crowned. fine.
- ✓ (3) 6 Bits. Circular pc. cut from centre of Sp. 8 Rls. cs in 6 crowned. Very fine.
- ✓ (4) The ring or cut dollar being 8 Rls of Sp. Has a circular "cut" with 14 crenations. Very fine.
- ✓ (5) Moco or 2 bits of Sp. dollar. Scalloped circular planchet. D in script and star within.

The foregoing 5 pos. I obtained from Hon. W. H. Porter's cabinet. Mr. Porter is high official of Dominica and he has conversed with old inhabitants of Dominica who informed him that they remembered when young seeing these pcs. in circulation. I think the Moco cs. "L" in script has like the ring dollar 14 crenations also.

- ✓ (6) Span. 8 Rls. from which has been cut a circular piece 28 mm. in diameter. cs. 12 crowned and in style similar to 3 crowned and 6 crowned. Obtained from Zay. Very fine.

(In all 6 pieces of Island of Dominica)

St. Lucie

- ✓ (1) 3 Escalin. 6S is S. L. entretac on each of 3 angles. Zay p. 219.
- ✓ (2) Moco or side pc. cs. "S. Lucie". Zay p. 220.
- ✓ (3) Moco or side pc. (larger) cs. "S. Lucie".
- ✓ (4) 3 Moco or middle pc. has same cs. as the 2 preceding. Zay 220.

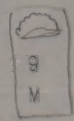
(4 pcs. in all) All very fine.

Montserat

- ✓ (1) 1/4 of Sp. 8 Rls. fine cs. of M. on each of 3 angles. Very fine.

I found it at Montserat. Zay never saw one. The only other one I ever heard of was sold at auction by Mr. Schulman.

- ✓ (2) 1728 1 R. C stamped en creux exceedingly fine.



- ✓ (3) 2 Skillings (cut silver) cs. "M" fine.
- ✓ (4) 1/4 of Sp. 8 Rls. (cut silver) cs. "M" fine.

(4 pcs. in all of Montserat)

Cuba

- (1) 1834 Peso of Chili. cs. "Y11" beneath. fine.

- (2) 1829 8 Rls. of Peru. cs. F. 7. or crowned. fine. *in Low on Bolivia Jan 4*
 (3) 1834 2 Rls. Guanabacoa. proc. pc. V. fine.
 (4) 1834 2 Rls. Matanzas. proc. pc. unc.
 (5) 1834 2 Rls. Santiago. " " "
 (5 pcs. in all of Cuba)

Jamaica

- (1) 1807 8 Rls. of Spain. cs. G. R. crowned in depression. 7 1/2 X 8 1/2 mm. (Vide Atkins and Chalmers)
 (2) 1806 8 Rls. of Spain. cs. G. R. crowned which is incused. Vide same authorities Chalmers and Atkins. Both pcs. are very fine and after brisk competition at Low's sale N. Y. of March 30, 1902 I secured for \$9.25 each or \$18.50 for the two. Mr. Lyman R. Low the great expert in New York and who catalogued them said he never saw their duplicates.
 (3) 1758 8 Rls. cs. "G. R." floriated.
 (4) 1758 2 Rls. cs. G. R. floriated.
 (5) 1757 1 Rl. cs. G. R. floriated.

These pcs. are fine to v. fine for their authority consult Chalmers page 214.

(5 pcs. in all for Jamaica)

Barbados

- 1788 Eng. 1 d. Rev. Pineapple.
 1792 Eng. 1 d. " Neptune in car.
 1792 " 1/2 d. Obv. and Rev. similar.

Each of 3 a superb proof and as a set of great rarity. Purchased about 20 years ago for \$12.00 (the set)

WEST INDIES

66 pieces, all silver, except of Barbados.

Tortola	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$14.00
Virgin Isles	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00
Curaçao	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.00
Haiti	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.00
Jamaica	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
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Barbados	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00
Dominica	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.00
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- (In all 6 pieces of Guadeloupe)

Trinidad

Central disc cut from 8 Rls. V. fine c's. Initial of Colony T
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Nevis.

12 sets of cs NEVIS cs V. fine. Zay and Chalmers.

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Vièque

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~~Confine(?)~~

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Very fine.

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(In all 5 pieces of Tortola)

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St. Lucie

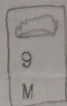
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Mrs. Rly will donate \$35.00
towards the West Indian cause
making it 300.00

Add 3⁵ for 11 per added June 26

$$\begin{array}{r} 19 \quad 350.00 \\ \quad \quad 5 \\ \hline 355.00 \end{array}$$

Added Oswego
metal

$$\begin{array}{r} 200. \\ \hline 335 \end{array}$$

Species added

- 2 Cayenne Sours.
- 2 Danish W. D.
- 2 Haiti
- 1 British W. D. general
- 1 Curacao
- 1 Porto Rico
- 1 St Kitts
- 1 Tortolas.

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$$\begin{array}{r} 360 \\ \quad 25 \\ \hline 335 \end{array}$$

Subscribers of \$500. or over will be enrolled as PATRONS OF THE SOCIETY.

_____ 19018.

I hereby subscribe the sum of

Dollars,

to the Building Fund of the American Numismatic Society, the same to be paid

on or before the _____ of _____ 19018.

\$_____

Cheques should be made payable to CHARLES PRYER, Treasurer, and sent to the Building Committee of
The American Numismatic Society, 156th Street, West of Broadway, New York City.

Additional list of species (Cost \$75.00)

French West Indies - 15000

1731 roots R. uncinata

1731 b. " R. uncinata

1827 R. H. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ m. Chas. X. extending
Colonial Chas. Perfect - Superb

1758 R. from Africa 1815. 10 m.
Bregio. Messer of

More for sale at \$2.00
for it will only \$2.00

Haiti:

1821 Large gourd R. in field H-C
curd. Blue frog.

1877 R. (composition) Half mercury 20 ct
Rare

Guadeloupe:

1846 R. Octag. Bank Y. R. of Chas. X.
Ref. Different symbols V. Rare

Guadeloupe:

1903. A. (compensation)
(2 fcs) 1 fr 50 ctms

uncirc'd

Martinique:

1897 A. compensation

uncirc'd

1 fr 50 ctms

Beeding rare

Bahamas:

1806 1/2 d. Brilliant fmg

Bermudas:

1793 1/2 d. Very fine fmg

Cuba:

1834 R. 7 pts (proc!) for (S. de Gildes)
Santa Maria del Rosario Superb
fine 1745- rare

1834 R. 7 fcs! 1 lb for Habana. Pure
J. H. Scott for it f10. Uncirculated

1870. Moneda Provincial de A.

1/20. 1/2 peso. 20 & 10 ctms

4 fcs. Splendid fmg. Cost f9⁰⁰

at Schalmers Amsterdam Sale

February 3, 1912.

Rev. Dr. Foster Ely,
Stanford, Conn.

Dear Dr. Ely:

I return herewith the list of coins of the West Indies, as I promised to send it back by this time.

I have not had an opportunity to show this to any of our members, who might purchase the coins for the Society, so I have had a copy made, and if I can get any one interested, in the course of the next few days, I will let you know.

I also enclose an acknowledgment of the autograph letter that you so kindly gave to the Society.

With kind regards, and hoping to see you here again in the near future, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Director.

Stamford Conn.

"No Suburban are

February 6th 1913

Bauman Love Belding, Esq

My dear Director,

I sincerely appreciate your cordial
letter. It is characteristic of me, if
I have heard so many pleasant
things. I had no thought of selling
my Elys small but precious collection
to our Society; but thinking that
one of the members might wish to
avail himself of this rare opportunity
of purchasing the nearly completed
set of Mr. Indian's stamped & cut.
silver, I took the liberty of submitting
to you the list of the pieces - to
you the well-known and influential
numismatist and therefore, ac-
quainted with many advanced

collection. In this little collection nearly every piece is from fine
to unorientated & proof. For the present, I will not send the
collection to Schuchman's Gemotodum for sale; & so it find ultimately
its way to an Englishman's cabinet. Jan. 7. 1911 Schuchman
sold for me all my tools and even four West Indian R. p.c.s & also
my c'stamped base p.c.s. (R). They commanded high prices, for
example, a sort of Cayenne. C.S. sm (r p.c.s.) sold for \$4⁰⁰; a 125.
cent. C. stamp "St Martin" also ~~an~~ un c'ed, sold for \$4⁰⁰. & three (3)
sorts of Cayenne c'stamped for St. Eustatius sold for \$4⁰⁰ each. And
in c'stamped silver (4 pieces), C.S. "I. R." for Trinidad & "C." for Curacao
sold for \$4⁰⁰; Mexico, R. C.S. 7 "Mexico" (p.c.s.) & tools sold for
\$6⁰⁰; & of Honduras, 4 bits, 1/8 French, c'stamped & surrounded
by a crown & deossous "M" sold for \$8⁴⁰; a number of 4 B. 1/8

coming to the finish, a few lines.

E. Fag in 1904 published at Paris a pamphlet ~~Supplement~~ to his great work (which you have) "Histoire Monétaire des Colonies Françaises. The Supplement consists of 74 pages. It illustrates certain coins. One, among other changes, it makes is to transfer certain pieces C.S. "M." & other C.S. stamp of crown emblems & M. au-dessous from the hantisme to the Montserrat attribution. I suggested the change to him. The "Supplement" he sent to me. If may be you have it not, as it is hard to get. Mine is pasted in back of his book. If you have it not, I'll have copied for you not the whole "Supplement" but all of it that gives "changes" & important additions. Now don't

with same C.S. on Spanish 1/2 Real, (2)
for 57th; another 3 Bts, same C.S.,
for 7th; and still another for Mont.
semit of 7 Bts with same C.S. & also
"Pin u cerate de perles. sold for 110th"

Now the condition of the foregoing
C'stamped pieces for Montsemit
was too poor for my cabinet & therefore
I sold them.

I give these prices simply to indicate
the ~~high~~ great demand for all
cut silver & C'stamped pieces of
New Indies on other side of Atlantic

In U.S. and Europe of these
tokens are seldom offered, and
the Lyman Co. will tell you; &
where they are, sell for a "mere
song". I've written at great
length. Pardon me. But for

from the yourself to write a letter, but (3
on the enclosed postal card & inform
me if you desire an abstract of the
Supplement. I am apprehensive
lest you find it hard to decipher
my chirography. Though Mr Gladstone
objected to the type-written letter
as "putting a veil between the
sender and receiver", I think
when one's penmanship is somewhat
hieroglyphical (as is mine) the
machine-writing is preferable,
Should anyone wish to buy a
little but unique collection, I can
and if so requested at cost to my
request New Britain - pieces from my
cabinet. Believe me, dear Mr. Butler
Sincerely Yrs
Foster Ely.
P.S. To enclose

February 20th, 1913.

Rev. Dr. Foster Ely,
20 Suburban Avenue,
Stanford, Conn.

My dear Dr. Ely:-

Please pardon the delay in replying to your letter of February 8th. Closing up the Joan of Arc Exhibition and getting ready for a meeting of the Society, which took place last Saturday, kept me so busy that I have not had time for much else.

I will be very glad indeed to have the abstract of the supplement to Zay's book, which you so kindly offered to send me. As regards the collection of coins of the West Indies I cannot, as yet, say much more than I said in my last letter. I showed the list to one or two of our members who seemed quite interested in it. We have been without a curator since last spring, and I have had but little time to devote to the collection. We have recently appointed a new curator, however. He will take hold next week, and as he is pretty well posted on coins of this character, I think that it is rather better not to make any very ~~valued~~ recommendations until he gets a chance to go over our collection, and see if these would duplicate very many of the pieces that we already have. I am rather of the opinion that they would not, but have been so much occupied with other things that I have not been able to go into the matter at all thoroughly. I am glad that you are going to wait a little before sending these to Schulman. It may be two or three weeks before I will be able to say positively whether I can get these coins for the Society or not.

Trusting that I may have the pleasure of seeing you up here again before very long, and with kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

May 3rd, 1913.

Rev. Dr. Foster Fly,
20 Suburban Avenue,
Stamford, Conn.

My dear Dr. Fly:-

If you have no immediate intention of sending away the collection of skins of the West Indies, of which you kindly gave me a list, will you please let me put it in the collection here for a while?

I would like very much to secure this collection for the Society, if I could arrange to do so, but as you know our funds for the purchase of skins are extremely limited, and with a thing of this kind we have to depend on some of our members to help us out, and there is a much better chance of doing that now we can show them the skins that we want to get.

If you would like to do this, they can be sent over by express at our expense, or if you would prefer giving them direct to me, I could run over to Stamford some day before long to get them.

Mr. Howland Wood, of Boston, has assumed the office of Secretary of this Society, and is now living in New York.

With kind regards and hoping that you are well and enjoying this delightful weather, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Stamford, Conn.
Bauman L Belden, Esq. May 20. 1913

My dear Mr Belden.

Your pleasant letter of the 3rd inst^l
to have received an earlier res-
ponse. At the time, it came Mrs Ely
was ill; and as I needed her
help in placing and arranging
her small West Indian collection
so that at a glance its pieces
could be seen by those interested
when exhibited in the room
of American Numis. Society.
Esq., I have deferred replying until
now.

Memorandum:

1st
2d in the of the pieces you
found the 3 distinct prop
Barbados were not

entered, please add them, as (2)
they were included in the bb list.
— costing all total \$300.00. The
Barbados cost \$12⁰⁰ and are as
follows: 1788. 1d. fine apple E. group
1792 1d. Neptune, ear E. group
1792 2d. " " " E. group

I have added (vide the enclosed
sheet) a supplemental list of 19
pieces. Therefore, the collection now
consists of bb + 19 pieces = 85. As nearly
as I can get at it, the lot cost
\$375. Many of the pieces were found
for me by my friend in the Leonard
Botanicals, & during the long period
that has elapsed since their
purchase have greatly enhanced
in value, as the auctioneer's

of Amsterdam. No. 100, show.

Mrs. Ely at present does not feel able to donate them to our Missionistic Society. This we both regret. We are aware that as the collection is in some respects unique, it ought to be in the Society's Cabinet. Her price is its cost value of \$375. This is the sum for which she will dispose of it to any collector. If thought bought by or for our Am. Miss. Society, she will deduct \$25; or as little only \$350.

There are no duplicates. Even the stamps in the envelopes of the letters are different.

Attention is directed especially to the fine condition of the

The set of 85 must go but ensemble.
It will not be broken. Even if your
cabinet already possesses some of
them, duplicates if limited to two
is, as you know, desirable because
of exhibiting both the obverse and
reverse. Then too, fine coins, rare, are
available for exchange purposes.

This little collection you can retain
until the latter part of Oct.; or if
then not disposed of, return to my
Stamford address. Then, if of the
same mind as now, we will
send to the auction room of
Messrs. Sam. B. & Co. three years
ago I sold there my collection of
Great Indian Archaes, and for

satisfactory prices. The commission (5
thru for selling at auction, as you -
probably know is only 12 1/2 per cent.

I have not forgotten my promise
to give you Jay's supplement.

I congratulate the Society
on having for its curator Mr
Horsford Wood. There is probably no
man of his age superior to him
as a numismatist. He is a keen
observer, close student, has a re-
tentive memory and is gifted with
the analytical and discrimina-
ting power that so many able
numismatists lack. He is especially
distinguished for his knowledge
of oriental coins, and his ability
to describe and illustrate them

Ask Wood to give you his expe-
rience in the British Museum. It
is very interesting. Before he left
for good the building the authori-
ties had a profound respect for
him.

Enclose the list of the 19 additional
ies. Please transcribe and put
it with the first.

It will suit my convenience
to be with you next Thursday
(May 11th) between 11 & 12 A.M.
Will it suit you? I will bring
the collection with me.

Very cordially Yours

Foster Ely

May 21st, 1913.

Rev. Dr. Foster Fly,
20 Suburban Avenue,
Stamford, Conn.

My dear Dr. Fly:-

Your interesting letter of May 20th has just been received. Wood and I are looking forward to having the pleasure of seeing you tomorrow.

I am glad that we will have the collection on exhibition for a while, and hope that we can arrange to keep it here permanently.

With kind regards to Mrs. Fly, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

of our before a society. Confidential regards to the general. My
Believe of Mrs. W
Sincerely
Yours
W
Stanford Comm. July 1
to Suburban area 1968

Dear Mr. Wood

In this informal way I thank
you for the formal acknowledgment of
the 2 models I donated. There
was though, no need of it.
Kindly for conversation I
include a memorandum. It ex-
plains itself. The coins I have
given to Mrs. Ely cost me all
of \$375. Plus the fees added to the
four, \$5. (\$380.00). The 4 dollar
- Fort piece (R) of 1758 cost me
pro. as it does not belong to the

Rest Indian collection in your case
you will please return it (the
Society has, you told me, 2 simi-
lar medals of its own)
Deduct the cost \$20. from the
\$350⁰⁰ plus the \$5. for ins. addend
= 355 & you have \$335⁰⁰ as
highly is price for the set. Unless the
Society takes it the price is 375 +
5⁰⁰ = 380, ~ \$20. = \$360⁰⁰. We are not
in the least anxious to sell. Even as
an investment it is profitable to
hold it. You can keep it if ne-
cessary until Dec 1st. Then if returned
we can better decide as to sending
it to Amsterdam for sale. If we could
afford it gladly would we add the
collection to the rich thesaurus